

Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) - PGCertEd

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [GCEF Graduate Certificate of Education](#).

	On-campus	Online*
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 semester full-time, up to 2 years part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Master of Education (8 Units) ; Master of Education (Full Fee Paying) (ends 2014) ; Master of Learning and Development (ends 2014) ; Master of Learning and Development (Full Fee Paying) (ends 2014) ; Master of Applied Linguistics (ends 2014)	

Notes:

Full articulation is only available when there are no undergraduate courses completed as part of the Postgraduate Certificate.

Articulation to the Master of Applied Linguistics is subject to the completion of courses forming part of that program.

Footnotes

* Not all courses are available in every mode in every semester or year. Students are advised to check the course and mode offer listings for each semester/year.

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Current students
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Program objectives

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- locating and accessing knowledge of relevant theory and practice;
- critically evaluating and building knowledge;
- interpreting and applying knowledge to the solution of significant problems;
- effectively communicating knowledge; and
- identifying and participating in relevant communities of practice.

Program aims

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education program aims to develop in its graduates the capabilities and dispositions to work as engaged professional educators in knowledge-building communities.

Traditional approaches to education have sometimes resulted in educators having limited opportunities for professional interaction with colleagues. In such circumstances, where educators work alone with a group of learners, they may develop a form of “privatised practice” which isolates them from the wider professional community. There is mounting evidence that educators can be more effective when they view their work as

a collaborative effort in which they interact with other educators within and beyond their workplace and adopt stances that may be described as “engaged professionalism”.

New Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) offer enhanced opportunities for professional engagement and will be an important tool for educators in the twenty-first century. The Master of Education program will model the use of ICTs to support professional interaction and learning.

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Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

The requirements described in this section are generic requirements for entry to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education program.

The majority of courses in the Postgraduate Certificate in Education program are offered entirely online and have specific requirements for frequent and ongoing Internet access. Most courses include Internet access as an important, or essential, component. Intending applicants should ensure that they have the necessary computer and Internet access before applying. Further information is provided in the IT requirements section below and in specifications of individual courses.

Normal Entry

The normal requirement for entry to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education program is a three-year bachelor degree (or equivalent) from a recognised university.

Alternative Entry

Applicants who do not meet the requirements for normal entry may apply for alternative entry if they believe that they can demonstrate that they have qualifications and/or experience that might be considered equivalent to those required for normal entry.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program consists of 4 units of postgraduate study, with all 4 courses being at Level 5 or above. These courses may be selected from any courses available to postgraduate coursework students in Education – see [Discipline courses](#).

Students may also elect to undertake a TESOL specialisation in this program. Please refer to the recommended enrolment pattern for this specialisation.

Program completion requirements

To be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, a student must have completed four approved education-related units at postgraduate level.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses



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